

THREE ARE DEAD OTHERS MAY DIE

Robinson Opera House in Cincinnati Wrecked

BY THE FALL OF THE DOME

"The Dangers of a Great City" Was Being Produced on the Stage

WHEN THE DISASTER OCCURRED

And a Bit of Real Danger in a Large City Followed.

HOUSE CLEARED IN SHORT ORDER

Without a Stampede, But Not Before Three Were Killed and Many Others Badly Maimed—List of Victims—Second Fatality in the House.

Cincinnati, Oct. 15.—"The Dangers of a Great City," on the stage of Robinson's opera house in this city was cut short in its performance by a tragic realization of the awful dangers of a great city tonight.

The house was fairly well filled, but not crowded. A little before 8:50 o'clock, a lady in the audience says she heard a creeping noise which continued for five minutes before the catastrophe. Presently the plastering began to fall in small particles at first. After awhile the plastering began to shower down in great chunks. It came from the ceiling which supported the dome. There was a rush from the gallery, which was not very well filled. The balcony was soon emptied. Those in the dress circle retired as promptly as possible, and strange to say, without panic. The crowding of those to the door obstructed the passage of those from the parquette, which accounts, in a measure, for the number of casualties.

Suddenly the great central truss of the ceiling, eighteen feet long and thirty feet wide came plunging down. The ends of it struck the gallery, carrying it down to the parquette. Nothing on the stage was harmed.

The list at the hospital showed three dead, five dangerously, if not fatally wounded, and twenty-six more or less seriously injured.

In addition to these a large number, probably twenty-five or thirty, were so slightly injured as to be able to walk home. Of the dangerously injured at the hospital amputation will be necessary in several cases. A score of surgeons volunteered their assistance to the hospital corps. A sufficient number was accepted.

The scene in front of the hospital door was a sad one. Hundreds of people gathered there clamoring for the names of the injured. At the opera house ropes were stretched across all approaching streets and the police had all they could do to keep the crowd of 7,000 or 8,000 people from crushing. The damage to the theater is comparatively small.

This disaster recalls the one which happened in the same house in 1876 when a score of more were killed and many injured during a panic which ensued from a needless call of fire.

THE DEAD.
AN UNKNOWN MAN.
MRS. LUCY COHEN.
MRS. GEORGE KLEMAN.

DANGEROUSLY INJURED.
Mr. Goldman, Mrs. Steadler, Mary Haas, and an unknown woman.
SERIOUSLY OR SLIGHTLY INJURED
Pearle Hall, Grace Conner, C. J. Weiss, Jacob Weiler, Mary Hess, John White, Amelia Weyle, Mary Howe, Ella Moorman, Della Alger and her three children, Stanley, Fred and John; Daisy Fairhead, S. E. Long, S. J. Fairland, Lee Weyle, Fred Jenks, William Moten, W. J. McCabe, M. McCabe, Kate White, Maggie Studder, Amelia Well, Samuel Rosenbaum, Clint Steele.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Mystery Surrounding the Death of a Savannah Man in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Oct. 15.—A man, supposed to be Simon Hesser of Savannah, Ga., was either murdered or committed suicide by throwing himself from the window of a lodging house at 214 North Calvert street, tonight. The dead man was about 45 years of age, and nothing is known concerning him, except that he came to the lodging house early this

evening and secured a room. Nothing more was seen of him until his body was found in the rear yard. He was unconscious and died within an hour. Upon his person were found a pair of handcuffs, a bottle of nitroglycerine, a revolver and two tickets to Bremen on the North German Lloyd steamship line, made out for "Simon Hesser, an adult." A ticket from Baltimore to Savannah, dated today, was also found in his pocket, and letters from Scranton, Pa., and other points were also in his pockets.

VINCENT STILL SPEAKING.

Will Probably Conclude Today—State's Attorney Deneen Will Close Monday.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Then intensely hot weather of today had but little effect upon the attendance at the Luetgert trial. The court room was packed and hundreds of persons were unable to gain admittance. Attorney Vincent, chief counsel for the defense, continued his address to the jury. His arguments were principally directed toward the "reasonable doubt," as to the death of Mrs. Luetgert. He vigorously attacked the police officials for their alleged brow-beating of witnesses, particularly in the case of Mary Simmering, whom he declared the defendant had treated more like a daughter than an employee. The witnesses for the prosecution were held up to scorn and Judge Vincent declared that the prosecution had done nothing but throw mud at his client while the defense had been engaged in scraping it off.

Mr. Vincent will probably conclude his address at tomorrow's session.

On Monday State's Attorney Deneen will make a five hour's speech and the case will doubtless be given to the jury late Tuesday.

IT WAS A GOOD DAY'S WORK

Four of the Worst Criminals in America

ARE NOW BEHIND THE BARS

"Sheeney Joe" Rubenstein, the Leader, Has a Record Unparalleled—They Did Business All Over the Country.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Chief of Detectives Collier and four of his men have effected one of the most important captures of criminals reported for years past. As a result of the efforts of officers, four of the most successful and daring burglars of the United States and Canada are under arrest and \$25,000 worth of stolen property is in the hands of the police awaiting identification.

The men under arrest are: "Sheeney Joe" Rubenstein, the leader and brains of the gang; James Williams, Harry Rogers and James Flaherty.

Letters in the men's possession which have passed between them showed they had been taking a flying trip from coast to coast, robbing right and left. These letters also showed they had agreed to meet in New York City Oct. 1, and then go to St. Louis, where the goods would be disposed of. Evidence was found on their persons indicating that they had committed robberies at New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Denver, Colorado Springs, Rome, Rochester, Dunkirk, Buffalo, and Troy, N. Y., Omaha, Galveston, Davenport, Sandusky, Milwaukee, Cleveland, London, Ont., Quebec and other Canadian cities.

"Sheeney Joe" and Harry Rogers, alias "The Dip," are Canadian thieves, and Flaherty and Williams are New York crooks. All have criminal records as safe-blowers, burglars and all around crooks. Their photographs adorn the rogues' gallery of almost every southern and northern city in the country. The entire police force of the country have been searching for the men for the past six months. All are young men, none being over 30 years of age.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES

Will Remain Unchanged, Say the General Passenger Agents.

Cincinnati, Oct. 15.—C. F. McDonald, chairman of the Central Passenger association; Joseph Richardson, chairman of the Southeastern Passenger association; C. P. Atmore, general passenger agent of the Louisville and Nashville; W. C. Rinearson, general passenger agent of the Queen and Crescent route; Charles F. Stone, of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois; A. O. McDonald, of Florida Central and Peninsular; F. P. Coyle, of the Southern Railway and other southern railway passenger agents met here with the general passenger agents north of the Ohio river and decided on the same excursion rates to southern winter resorts as prevailed last year.

WELL, DECKER HERE'S TWO MORE

Senoritas Ortega and Castellanos Thrown Into Prison

FOR ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Both Are Descendants of Distinguished Cuban Families.

THE COMPETITOR CASE REVIVED

Spanish Ministry Meet and Discuss the Competitor Case—It May Be Settled—Names of Cubans Suggested By Gurga.

Havana, Oct. 15.—The police of Guines, this province, have arrested and imprisoned Senorita Blanca Ortega, a young woman of distinguished family and Senorita Virginia Castellanos. They are both charged with conspiring against the government.

THE COMPETITOR CASE

Dug Up and May Finally Be Settled By Spain.

Madrid, Oct. 15.—The Spanish cabinet today discussed the case of the American schooner Competitor which was captured in Cuban waters April 15, 1896, consideration of which, owing to the fear which Premier Canovas del Castillo had of stirring up action upon the part of the congress of the United States, was postponed by the late government. The cabinet today ordered the ministers of foreign affairs, the navy and the colonies to examine the documents in the case, with the view of its eventual settlement by the courts.

NAMES OF CUBANS

Suggested By Gimerga, the Autonomist, for Office.

Madrid, Oct. 15.—Senor Gimerga, a prominent leader of the Cuban autonomists, has arrived here incognito and has had a conference with the minister for the colonies, Senor Moret, at which the former recommended candidates for posts under the proposed Cuban reform administration. Among the names suggested by Senor Gimerga for appointment was that of Senor Bruson, a distinguished lawyer of Havana.

RATHER LATE NEWS

Of the Lynching of a Negro Who Participated in a Picnic Row.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 15.—It is just learned that Tom Parker, a negro, was lynched Thursday by a mob near Kendall, in 'ev land count.

Parker was one of the negroes arrested for participating in the riot at a negro picnic near Kendall on Aug. 23, in which J. J. Johnson, a white man of Pine Bluff, was killed and a companion badly cut and bruised. There was little, if any, evidence against Parker and he was released. Recently a band of supposed negro whitecaps attempted to run Parker shot and killed one of the whitecaps. He was then arrested and after a preliminary hearing was fully exonerated and discharged. He was re-arrested on Wednesday and taken to Kendall, where he was held under guard until Thursday when he was taken out and lynched. It is said that the lynching was done by friends of the negro whitecap killed by Parker.

ENGLAND WILL CONFER.

Experts Start for America to Discuss the Seal Fisheries Question.

London, Oct. 15.—The British foreign office today intimated to the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, that a meeting of seal experts of Great Britain, Canada and the United States will occur as agreed upon by the Marquis of Salisbury.

It is learned that Prof. Darcy Thompson, the seal expert of the British foreign office, starts for the United States immediately.

The Review of Reviews says that Editor Stead, while in Washington recently, learned that unless the sealing question was settled speedily the United States will order the destruction next season of the whole herd of seals on the Pribiloff islands.

The News Confirmed

Washington, Oct. 15.—The state department confirms the report given out by the foreign office in London that Great Britain assents to a meeting of experts and that Prof. Thompson, the British expert, was to sail today. It is understood that the conference of delegates of Russia, Japan and the United States will hold its first meeting the last of next week and the meeting of American and British experts will probably take place a week later.

TRUE TO HIS PARTY ARTHUR P. GORMAN

Willing to Sacrifice Himself on the Altar of Democracy

TO REUNITE THE PARTY

Mainly Letter to Edwin Abell, of the Baltimore Sun,

WHO OWES HIS ALL TO HIS PEOPLE

And Who, in the Trying Hour Betrayed Them to the Republicans—Gorman Calls Upon Him to Return to the Party and Assume Control.

Baltimore, Oct. 15.—United States Senator Gorman today issued an open letter to Edwin Abell, publisher of the Baltimore Sun, in which he offers to relinquish the leadership of the democracy in Maryland, provided Mr. Abell will accept it and support the democratic ticket in the coming state and legislative campaign. He also intimates that he will forego his ambition to succeed himself in the United States senate if it can be shown that such a step is necessary to democratic success.

The letter, which is a very long one, reviews the course of the Sun in its opposition to Mr. Gorman, because of his views upon civil service, tariff, and ballot reform measures. To all these charges made against him Mr. Gorman pleads guilty, but quotes the Sun as having admitted that such questions were merely matters of opinion and asserted that every man was free to think as he pleased regarding them. He defends his course in regard to all these questions and concludes with the following proposition:

"And now, Mr. Abell, let us pass to a question concerning which there can be no misunderstanding. These statements and counter-statements, arguments and retorts—all this petty class of protestation and impeachment amount to very little at the best. You have declared your undying devotion to the democratic party and have said that my leadership, my personal ambitions, my selfish purposes and these only prevent you from restoring your newspaper to the service of the loyal people who originally made it rich and powerful by their patronage, their confidence and their support. You have given Maryland to understand that but for me and 'bossism' you are pleased to attribute to me, you would bring back the Baltimore Sun upon its old moorings and devote it to the exposition of democratic principles and the confusion and overthrow of republican rule in this state.

"You have stated in effect, certainly with the intention of being so understood, that you still love the democratic party and still wish to see it predominant in Maryland, and you thereby involve yourself in a pledge to cast off your republican affiliations, repudiate your republican alliances and labor, heart and soul, for the success of the democratic party as it will remain after being purged of me.

"If you be sincere in this, the solution of the difficulty is simple enough. If my aspirations, my leadership, my influence constitute the only obstacles to your return to the people who made your newspaper and founded your finances and gave reality to your position and power, I stand ready to remove them. Office is less to me than you suppose. Political leadership is not so necessary to my happiness as you, in your ignorance of my character and my motives, are pleased to say. Strange as it may seem to you I am willing to surrender every prospect of personal promotion, if by so doing I can re-unite the democratic party, restore to its ranks all their pristine strength and harmony, remove the dissensions and animosities that now exist and repair the humiliating spectacle presented by yourself and your way of thinking—the spectacle of the democratic party betrayed into the hands of the enemy by those whom democrats have in the past exalted and enriched. I do not undertake to say how much you or any other man may love the democratic party, but I know how much I love it, and I know I have no personal ambitions I will not sacrifice for its honor and welfare. I know, too, that I have no affiliations, no engagements, no plans of any kind that could by any possibility embarrass me in making this proposed arrangement.

"You may understand this as an overture of surrender on my part—as an admission that the democratic organization cannot hope for further life without your aid and countenance.

"I am prepared for that. I have been misunderstood by you so long and so unreasonably that a little more or less will count for nothing. As a matter of fact, I am satisfied that the people of Maryland have become disgusted with the republican mal-administration which you did so much to make possible and that they are in the humor to make an end of the experiment. It is not only what has been done, it is also the extravagance and corruption which they see awaiting them in the event of a perpetuation of republican rule. They feel that every substantial interest in the state is jeopardized, and they are ready and willing to restore to power the democratic party, which has not hitherto betrayed them and in whose hands they will know their interests to be secure. I know this without a shadow of doubt. But they want also a restoration of the former harmony of the party. They want to see the old ties restored and the old operations rehabilitated. And I owe them so much as to feel not only willing but anxious to consummate any wish of theirs, no matter at what cost to me.

"Are you ready and willing and free to meet me on this ground in good faith. In all loyalty, without provisos or reservations on the honor of a gentleman are you at liberty to take charge personally and through your agents of the democratic campaign for the mayoralty of Baltimore, for the legislature and for the success to that place in the senate concerning which you have but one desire—that of seeing it filled by a democrat, whose loyalty to the party is unquestioned and proved and who will undertake to uphold the principles to which you profess unselfish and sincere devotion?

"I am ready to meet you more than half way. Let our fellow citizens judge between us by the measure of our personal acts and loyalty to our religion. (Signed) A. P. GORMAN.

"Oct. 15, 1897."

Mr. Abell declined to say tonight what course he would pursue in the matter, or to express any opinion regarding the matter.

A REFUGEE TRAIN WRECKED

Engineer Munn and Fireman Godley Are Dead.

TENDER LEFT THE TRACK

And Went Down an Embankment—The Engine and Coaches Piled Upon It—Six Passengers Slightly Injured.

Special to The Age-Herald.

Selma, Oct. 15.—At 2:30 today the regular passenger train running since the quarantine on the Mobile and Birmingham railroad between Thomasville and Selma, was totally wrecked between Eleanor and Safford, about twenty-five miles from here.

There is no turn-table at Thomasville, and the engine was backing into the city pulling the baggage car and passenger coach. In some unaccountable manner the tender jumped the track, engine No. 11 passing over it and turning completely over down a ten-foot embankment. The baggage car turned over and rested on the engine, the coach doing likewise, falling on the tender. But for this the six passengers and the train crew would have all been killed outright.

Engineer O. J. Munn was severely scalded, so much so that he was carried to a home near by and not brought to the city tonight on a relief train that arrived at 8 o'clock.

Fireman Jerre Godley was caught under his engine and horribly mangled. The passengers, all of whom escaped with a few scratches and bruises, succeeded in getting him out, but in twenty minutes death relieved his sufferings.

The train flagman had his hand mashed, and Conductor Bradstreet was cut on the leg.

Quarantine Officer Newman was also badly bruised on the leg.

Mr. Godley's remains were brought to the city and carried to Brislins' undertaking establishment. He was a single man, and belonged to Mobile lodge Knights of Pythias.

Later—Engineer O. J. Munn at 8 o'clock from injuries received in the wreck. His wife is at the government detention camp at Mt. Vernon, and cannot come to him.

WHAT DID IT MEAN?

Government Cruiser Suddenly Puts Out to Sea and Firing Is Heard.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 15.—A special to the Journal from Brunswick, Ga., says: Reliable parties residing at Hotel Cumberland report that on yesterday an armed government vessel lying inside of St. Andrews Sound was seen to steam up and across the bar going out to sea under full speed. Suddenly there came a report of cannonading.

The description of the government vessel indicates that it was the Wilmington or some other vessel of her class. The presumption is that a cruiser sighted a suspected filibuster and ordered her to stop and upon refusal fired upon her.

ALL IS SERENE AT MONTGOMERY

All Physicians of the City of One Opinion.

THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR FEAR

The City Absolutely Free of Yellow Fever, They Say.

MAN THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS

ng Contagion Declare Quarantine Against the Capital.

ORTY-NINE CASES, THREE DEATHS

The Record for New Orleans—Falling Off at Mobile—No Deaths at Edwards

—Other Points Give Encouraging News.

Special to The Age-Herald.

Montgomery, Oct. 15.—The excitement over the suspicious cases of fever here has abated somewhat tonight, although the fever question is the talk of the town. The Montgomery board of health tonight gave out this official bulletin: "The board of health regards the situation as practically unchanged. All cases reported as suspicious are doing well."

It is stated, although not officially, that no new suspicious cases have been reported. The five or six suspicious cases are all located in Ward 1, which borders on the Alabama river, and the water in the river is exceedingly low. The theory of the majority of the physicians appears to be that the suspicious cases are merely malarial fever, occasioned by miasma arising from the river.

It is stated here tonight, without authority of the board, however, that Surgeon General Wyman has been requested to send Dr. Gutierrez, the yellow fever expert, here to pass on the cases.

A large majority of the physicians here stake their reputations on the statement that Montgomery has no yellow fever.

The following towns and cities have notified the mayor of quarantines against Montgomery: Columbus, Ga., Selma, Enfield, Prattville, Dothan, Troy, Ozark and Union Springs. No place north of here has announced any quarantine.

The Plant system, to avoid the entanglements of a quarantine, has removed its general offices temporarily to Pinckard, and has tendered the use of its commodious hospital here to the city in the event it is needed, which is not anticipated.

There is no denying the fact that very many people have left the city today, most of them going north on the Louisville and Nashville.

Anxiety has abated since the board announced its bulletin tonight, and the night trains carried off fewer people.

TO DETENTION CAMP

Must Go All Who Have Arrived in Selma From Montgomery.

Special to The Age-Herald.

Selma, Oct. 15.—Montgomery is now under the ban and until the suspicious cases in that city are fully determined upon Selma will enforce a rigid quarantine against the Capital City. Last night rumor of yellow fever in Montgomery alarmed the authorities here, and the 11:20 train was notified that it could not come into Dallas county.

Intense excitement has prevailed here all day, and the telephone and telegraph wires have been kept hot. Not less than 500 messages have been sent to Montgomery and fully 200 telephoned queries.

The board of health passed an order this morning that all persons who have been in Montgomery in the past ten days must leave the city or go out to the camp of detention. Fully 100 people will have to go, among them Mr. Rosenbaum, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., who was to wed Miss Carrie Kahn, a nuptial high in H-brew circles, and for which extensive preparation has been made. The wedding will probably occur in the morning.

PRATTVILLE ACTS.

Establishes Strict Quarantine Against the Capital City.

Special to The Age-Herald.

Prattville, Ala., Oct. 15.—The town council of Prattville met at 2 o'clock and ordered strict quarantine against Montgomery.